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Maclean of Spy Fame Reported Dead in Soviet

MOSCOW, March 10 (Reuters) — Donald Maclean, the British diplomat who spied for Moscow more than 30 years ago, was reported tonight to be ill in a hospital and there were unconfirmed reports that he had died.

Mr. Maclean fled to the Soviet Union in 1951 with Gey Burgess, now dead, after being tipped off that British and American counterintelligence agents were closing in on them. Mr. Maclean took Soviet citizenship after his defection and worked as an analyst of British policies at a Moscow foreign relations institute.

He is believed to have passed on foreign policy secrets to Moscow over a period of 15 years.

The 69-year-old Mr. Maclean, housebound after a six-week stay in a Moscow clinic late last year, was not at bome in his riverside apartment and neighbors said they did not know where he had gone. He was treated for urological ailments and other problems in November and December. STAT